

REMARKS

Applicants direct that the claim amendments previously submitted, but refused entry by the Examiner, be entered prior entry of the present amendments.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to read in relevant part "said second and third blade-engaging elements are commonly disposed on an arc of constant radius centered on said first blade-engaging element." This claim language is supported, *inter alia*, by the specification page 9, lines 10-16, reading "as indicated by the radial, phantom-line arrow 'R' in FIG.1, the coplanar pins 26 extending from either the surfaces 22 or the surfaces 24 of the lobe 20 and the end piece 34 lie on a common arc, the center point of which is the pin 26 on the corresponding coplanar surface (22 or 24) of the coupling block 52. That arrangement ensures facile conversion between the two configurations of the saw...." Accordingly this amendment does not introduce new matter. Further, Applicants submits that this amendment relates to an issue squarely presented and argued earlier in the prosecution of this case, and is believed to eliminate an issue for appeal. Applicants therefore request that this amendment be entered.

Applicants submit that the subject matter of independent claim 12, and its dependent claims 13, 16-28, 31-32, define patentable subject matter for the reasons set forth in the prior responses. In addition, while Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assertions regarding "circumscribing," the amendments presented herein are believed to fully address this point.

Applicant also requests that the Examiner address the specific clarification issues raised on page 7 of the last response if the rejections are maintained.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all currently pending claims define patentable subject matter over the cited art and the case is in condition for allowance. However, the Office is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if any issues remain outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,



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